

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A method of providing information describing detected uses of communication software applications by remote computer system users to local computer system users, comprising:

obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said communication mode activity information includes the identity of at least one asynchronous communication application used by said remote computer system user;

detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

presenting, by said awareness client application process, said communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises a time at which said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote computer user.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises at least one resource used when said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote user.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said at least one resource comprises a file used by said at least one asynchronous communication application.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises a time duration for which said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote computer system user.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises an identity of another user with whom said remote computer system user communicated.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises an indication of whether said remote computer system user initiated a communication session.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether communication mode activity information regarding said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify communication mode activity information regarding said user of said local computer system that is to be shared with other users.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which communication mode activity information regarding said local user is to be shared.

11. (currently amended) A system of providing information describing detected uses of communication software applications by remote computer system users to local computer system users, comprising:

means for obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

means for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

means for obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said communication mode activity information includes the identity of at least one asynchronous communication application used by said remote computer system user;

means for detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

means for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises a time at which said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote computer user.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 12, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises at least one resource used when said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote user.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said at least one resource comprises a file used by said at least one asynchronous communication application.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises a time duration for which said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote computer system user.

16. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises an identity of another user with whom said remote computer system user communicated.

17. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises an indication of whether said remote computer system user initiated a communication session.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether communication

mode activity information regarding said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.

19. (original) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify communication mode activity information regarding said user of said local computer system that is to be shared with other users.

20. (original) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which communication mode activity information regarding said local user is to be shared.

21. (currently amended) A computer program product, wherein said computer program product includes a computer readable medium, said computer readable medium having a computer program for providing information describing detected uses of communication software by remote computer system users to local computer users stored thereon, said computer program comprising:

program code for obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

program code for obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said communication mode activity information includes the identity of at least one asynchronous communication application used by said remote computer system user;

program code for detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

22. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises a time at which said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote computer user.

23. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises at least one resource used when said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote user.

24. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein said at least one resource comprises a file used by said at least one asynchronous communication application.

25. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises a time duration for which said at least one asynchronous communication application was used by said remote computer system user.

26. (original) The computer program product of claim 25, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises an identity of another user with whom said remote computer system user communicated.

27. (original) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein said communication mode activity information further comprises an indication of whether said remote computer system user initiated a communication session.

28. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 21, said computer program further comprising:

program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether communication mode activity information regarding said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.



29. (original) The computer program product of claim 21, said computer program further comprising:

program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify communication mode activity information regarding said user of said local computer system that is to be shared with other users.

30. (original) The computer program product of claim 21, said computer program further comprising:

program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which communication mode activity information regarding said local user is to be shared.

31. (currently amended) A system for providing information describing detected uses of communication software applications by remote computer system users to local computer system users, said computer program comprising:

program code, stored in a computer readable memory communicably coupled to at least one processor in a local computer system, operable to obtain, by an awareness client application process executing on said local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

program code, stored in said computer readable memory, operable to present, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

program code, stored in said computer readable memory, operable to obtain, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said communication mode activity information includes the identity of at least one asynchronous communication application used by said remote computer system user;

program code, stored in said computer readable memory, operable to detect a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

program code, stored in said computer readable memory, operable to present, by said awareness client application process, said communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

32. (currently amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, said computer data signal including at least one computer program for providing information describing detected uses of communication software by remote computer system users to local computer users, said computer program comprising:

program code for obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

program code for obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said communication mode activity information includes the identity of at least one asynchronous communication application used by said remote computer system user;

program code for detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said communication mode activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.